

WEEK 10 — THE LAW RESTATED

Date: about January 1406 BC

The Story: God has brought Israel to the edge of the promised land. Moses—120 years old—is soon to die. In his final speeches to Israel, which make up most of Deuteronomy, he reminds Israel of God’s laws for their young nation. He urges them, as they settle in their new land soon, to love God, to fear him, and to demonstrate both their love and their fear by obeying his commands. Then they will be richly blessed by him. Deuteronomy means “second law” and is named for this restating of the law to this second generation of Israelites, who are about to receive the land that God promised their ancestor Abraham he would give to them (Genesis 15).

* Kids’ readings may not align with the daily full readings. Parents, see the content ratings on the back page.

MARCH 6 DEUTERONOMY 3-4

Today’s reading continues Moses’ recounting of Israel’s recent history as they approached the border of the promised land, Canaan. This history meets the present as Moses reminds Israel that the Lord will not permit him to enter the new land with them. Then Moses shifts to restating God’s laws previously given to their fathers; after forty years in the wilderness, Moses is now speaking to the second generation of Israelites. Notice Moses’ emphasis here and throughout Deuteronomy on all the good things God has done for Israel and how they should respond with obedience and full devotion to him (4:32-40). For Moses, Israel’s worship and holy living are its proper response to God’s great love for them.

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In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Deuteronomy 3:21 to 4:49

Kids’ Reading*: Deuteronomy 4:1-40

MARCH 7 DEUTERONOMY 5-7

Today’s reading tells of Moses restating the Ten Commandments that God spoke to Israel at Mount Sinai (also called Mount Horeb). Moses then urges Israel to love God with all their being; in Deuteronomy, Moses restates God’s laws for Israel but also emphasizes Israel’s motivation for obeying God’s laws, which is their love for God in appreciation for his love for them. Finally, Moses instructs Israel to trust God and remember his love that will protect them when they enter the promised land.

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In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Deuteronomy 5-6

Kids’ Reading*: Deuteronomy 5

MARCH 8 DEUTERONOMY 8-11

Today’s reading is less about the particular laws Israel is to obey and more about the heart with which they are to do so. Moses reminds Israel to remember the Lord, even when he gives them rest and prosperity in their new land. He calls them to remember that they have not earned God’s kindness to them, for at Horeb (Sinai) they made an idol of a golden calf and worshiped it, offending God deeply; they are not sinless people. Yet if they will fear, love, and obey God, he will provide for them and bless them.

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In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Deuteronomy 9:7 to 11:32

Kids’ Reading*: Deuteronomy 6

MARCH 9 DEUTERONOMY 12-15

Today’s reading dives into God’s laws for Israel, many of which were given to Israel earlier in Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers. In this section, Moses covers laws concerning proper worship practices, clean and unclean foods, giving tithes and animals to God, and treating debtors and servants appropriately.

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In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Deuteronomy 12-14

Kids' Reading*: Deuteronomy 7-8

MARCH 10 DEUTERONOMY 16-19

Today's reading presents more laws for Israel. Notice in particular the laws about government officials (judges, courts, the king) and God's expectation that such officials will uphold justice and not consider themselves better than their fellow Israelites. Also notice Moses' prophecy of a prophet like himself whom God will send to lead his people (18:14-19). Christians will later believe this prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus (Acts 3:11-23).

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In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Deuteronomy 16-18

Kids' Reading*: Deuteronomy 9

MARCH 11 DEUTERONOMY 20-23

Today's reading continues Moses' presentation of God's laws for Israel to Israel's second generation as they prepare to enter the promised land. Many of the laws in this section repeat what was given in Exodus, Leviticus, and Deuteronomy, though some laws here are new, including Moses' instructions about procedures for going to war (chapter 20) and about how to deal with an unsolved murder (chapter 21).

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In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Deuteronomy 20:1 to 22:12 • Deuteronomy 23:15-25

Kids' Reading*: Deuteronomy 10

MARCH 12 DEUTERONOMY 24-27

Today's reading concludes Moses' restatement of God's laws for Israel. He covers laws concerning a variety of circumstances dealing with life in Israel's new land (chapters 24-26). Then, beginning in 26:16 and continuing until his speeches end, Moses calls Israel to obey the Lord faithfully so they may remain God's treasured possession.

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In a hurry? 10-minute reading: Deuteronomy 24-25 • Deuteronomy 26:16 to 27:26

Kids' Reading*: Deuteronomy 11

Parents' Guide

PG preview for young children

3:3-6 (V)

4:25-27 (T)

7:1-2 (V), 15-16 (T, V), 20-24 (T, V)

9:3 (T), 7-29 (T)

10:16 (C)

11:2-6 (V)

12:15-16 (T), 21-27 (T)

17:2-7 (V), 12 (V)

18:20 (V)

19:3-13 (V)

20:5-17 (V)

21:1-9 (T), 10-14 (T), 22-23 (V)

23:17-18 (S)

24:7 (V)

25:2-3 (V), 19 (V)

27:24-25 (V)

PG-13 preview for under age 13

13:5-17 (V)

21:21 (V)

22:13-30 (S, V)

23:1 (T), 10-14 (T)

24:16 (V)

25:11-12 (V)

27:20-23 (S)

R shocking, graphic, or disturbing

12:31 (V)

18:10 (V)

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N = Nudity
S = Sexuality
T = Dark/Sensitive Themes
V = Violence